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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES:
DEMARCHE TO GOT

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1. MORNING APRIL 30 I MADE DEMARCHE REQUESTED REFTEL TO
SECGEN ELEKDAG (DEPUTY FONOFF CHIEF). ELEKDAG LISTENED
CAREFULLY, ACCURATELY SUMMARIZED BASIC POINTS OF DEMARCHE,
AND SAID HE WOULD SEEK TO GET A RESPONSE FOR ME AS PROMPTLY
AS POSSIBLE.

2. OUR CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO POLITICAL IMPACT OF VIET-
NAMESE DEVELOPMENTS AND ELEKDAG MADE SAME POINT THAT MANY
TURKS, IN AND OUT OF GOVT, HAVE BEEN MAKING TO US LATELY,
NAMELY THE VIETNAMESE SITUATION WILL NOW RAISE SERIOUS QUES-
TIONS IN MANY CAPITALS RE CREDIBILITY OF U.S. COMMITMENT.
ELEKDAG SAID THAT UP TO NOW ALMOST ALL SECURITY PLANNING
AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FREE WORLD HAD BEEN DEVISED BY THE U.S.
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NOW, HE OPINED, MANY COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THIS

MORE FOR THEMSELVES.

3. IN RESPONSE I MADE CERTAIN OBVIOUS POINTS, NAMELY THAT WITH RESPECT TO ANY NATION'S SECURITY THERE STILL NOTHING IN THE WORLD WHICH CAN MATCH VALUE OF A SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. (TO WHICH ELEKDAG PROMPTLY AGREED). I ALSO NOTED THAT A GREAT MANY STATES WHICH WERE NOW MAKING SAME POINT AS HE RE U.S. CREDIBILITY HAD NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO US DURING THE LONG, LONELY, AND EXTREMELY DIFFICULT YEARS OF OUR VIETNAMESE EFFORT, WITH WHICH ELEKDAG ALSO AGREED. I NOTED THAT ALL WORLD LEADERS IN THE PAST, THE OTTOMAN, BRITISH, FRENCH, ETC., HAD SUFFERED SETBACKS OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS WITHOUT THESE SPELLING THE END TO EITHER THEIR AUTHORITY OR INFLUENCE. IN FACT, I NOTED, THESE HAD OFTEN SERVED AS A PRECLUDE TO GREATER MATURITY, DETERMINATION AND SUCCESS.

4. HAVING AGREED WITH THESE POINTS ELEKDAG COMMENTED THAT IT WAS A FORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT HEADS OF GOVTS WOULD BE COMING TOGETHER AT THE NEXT NATO MEETING. WHILE THE ADVERSE IMPACT OF VIETNAM COULD NOT BE OBLITERATED, HE SAID, THESE MEETINGS PRESENTED AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR PRES FORD TO REASSERT U.S. LEADERSHIP AND TO REASSURE U.S. ALLIES.
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